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Letter dated 26 December 2017 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith information bulletins from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence on the status of implementation of the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic for the period 21–26 December 2017 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would arrange for this letter and its annex to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) V. **Nebenzia**

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Annex to the letter dated 26 December 2017 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Information bulletin from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence on the status of implementation of the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas (21 December 2017)

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Monitoring groups have continued to monitor observance of the ceasefire regime as part of implementing the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic signed by the Russian Federation, the Republic of Turkey and the Islamic Republic of Iran on 4 May 2017. The situation in the de-escalation areas has been assessed as stable.

The Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the ceasefire regime has reported eight violations in the following Governorates: five in Aleppo, two in Qunaytirah and one in Ladhiqiyah.

The Turkish representative office has reported four incidents of gunfire in the following Governorates: two in Damascus, one in Hama and one in Idlib.

Most incidents of small arms being fired indiscriminately have been reported in areas controlled by fighters of the Nusrah Front terrorist group.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic has carried out one humanitarian operation (delivery of food) in Zabadani, Damascus Governorate, with a total cargo weight of 2.1 tons.

In total, 1,709 humanitarian operations have been carried out, with a total cargo weight of 2,356 tons.

Over the past 24 hours, medical assistance has been provided to 77 residents.

In total, medical assistance has been provided to 66,931 residents.

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, one ceasefire regime agreement has been signed with Abu al-Hus in Aleppo Governorate.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 2,313.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime continued with armed opposition groups in Aleppo, Damascus, Hama, Homs and Qunaytirah Governorates.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 234.

Information bulletin from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence on the status of implementation of the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas (22 December 2017)

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Monitoring groups have continued to monitor observance of the ceasefire regime as part of implementing the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic signed by the Russian Federation, the Republic of Turkey and the Islamic Republic of Iran on 4 May 2017.

The situation in the de-escalation areas has been assessed as stable.

The Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the ceasefire regime has reported one violation in Aleppo Governorate.

The Turkish representative office has reported three incidents of gunfire: two in Idlib Governorate and one in Damascus Governorate.

Most incidents of small arms being fired indiscriminately have been reported in areas controlled by fighters of the Nusrah Front terrorist group.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic has carried out one humanitarian operation (delivery of food) in Qanaqiyah, Homs Governorate, with a total cargo weight of 2.1 tons.

In total, 1,710 humanitarian operations have been carried out, with a total cargo weight of 2,358.1 tons.

Over the past 24 hours, medical assistance has been provided to 53 residents.

In total, medical assistance has been provided to 66,984 residents.

Reconciliation of opposing sides

No ceasefire regime agreements have been signed with populated areas over the past 24 hours.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process is unchanged.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime continued with armed opposition groups in Aleppo, Damascus, Hama, Homs and Qunaytirah Governorates.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 234.

Information bulletin from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence on the status of implementation of the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas (23 December 2017)

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Monitoring groups have continued to monitor observance of the ceasefire regime as part of implementing the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic signed by the Russian Federation, the Republic of Turkey and the Islamic Republic of Iran on 4 May 2017.

The situation in the de-escalation areas has been assessed as stable.

The Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the ceasefire regime has reported eight violations: seven in Aleppo Governorate and one in Damascus Governorate.

The Turkish representative office has reported one incident of gunfire in Damascus Governorate.

Most incidents of small arms being fired indiscriminately have been reported in areas controlled by fighters of the Nusrah Front terrorist group.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic has carried out one humanitarian operation in Ayn al-Baydah, Aleppo Governorate. Food with a total cargo weight of 2.1 tons was delivered to the local population.

In total, 1,711 humanitarian operations have been carried out, with a total cargo weight of 2,360.2 tons.

Over the past 24 hours, medical assistance has been provided to 12 residents.

In total, medical assistance has been provided to 66,996 residents.

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, two ceasefire regime agreements have been signed with Mashrafat Irjil in Aleppo Governorate and Mukhajirin in Homs Governorate.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 2,315.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime continued with armed opposition groups in Aleppo, Damascus, Hama, Homs and Qunaytirah Governorates.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 234.

Information bulletin from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence on the status of implementation of the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas (24 December 2017)

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Monitoring groups have continued to monitor observance of the ceasefire regime as part of implementing the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic signed by the Russian Federation, the Republic of Turkey and the Islamic Republic of Iran on 4 May 2017.

The situation in the de-escalation areas has been assessed as stable.

The Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the ceasefire regime has reported four violations: three in Aleppo Governorate and one in Ladhiqiyah Governorate.

The Turkish representative office has reported two incidents of gunfire in Damascus Governorate.

Most incidents of small arms being fired indiscriminately have been reported in areas controlled by fighters of the Nusrah Front terrorist group.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic has carried out one humanitarian operation in Ayyubah, Qunaytirah Governorate. Food with a total cargo weight of 2.1 tons was delivered to the local population.

In total, 1,712 humanitarian operations have been carried out, with a total cargo weight of 2,362.3 tons.

Over the past 24 hours, medical assistance has been provided to 125 residents.

In total, medical assistance has been provided to 67,121 residents.

Reconciliation of opposing sides

No ceasefire regime agreements have been signed with populated areas over the past 24 hours.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process remains unchanged at 2,315.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime continued with armed opposition groups in Aleppo, Damascus, Hama, Homs and Qunaytirah Governorates.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 234.

Information bulletin from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence on the status of implementation of the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas (25 December 2017)

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Monitoring groups have continued to monitor observance of the ceasefire regime as part of implementing the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic signed by the Russian Federation, the Republic of Turkey and the Islamic Republic of Iran on 4 May 2017.

The situation in the de-escalation areas has been assessed as stable.

The Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the ceasefire regime has reported ten violations: nine in Aleppo Governorate and one in Homs Governorate.

The Turkish representative office has reported four incidents of gunfire in the following Governorates: two in Damascus, one in Aleppo and one in Idlib.

Most incidents of small arms being fired indiscriminately have been reported in areas controlled by fighters of the Nusrah Front terrorist group.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic has carried out one humanitarian operation in Mazlum, Dayr al-Zabwr Governorate. Food with a total cargo weight of 2.2 tons was delivered to the local population.

In total, 1,713 humanitarian operations have been carried out, with a total cargo weight of 2,364.5 tons.

Over the past 24 hours, medical assistance has been provided to 28 residents.

In total, medical assistance has been provided to 67,149 residents.

Reconciliation of opposing sides

No ceasefire regime agreements have been signed with populated areas over the past 24 hours.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process remains unchanged at 2,315.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime continued with armed opposition groups in Aleppo, Damascus, Hama, Homs and Qunaytirah Governorates.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 234.

Information bulletin from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence on the status of implementation of the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas (26 December 2017)

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Monitoring groups have continued to monitor observance of the ceasefire regime as part of implementing the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic signed by the Russian Federation, the Republic of Turkey and the Islamic Republic of Iran on 4 May 2017.

The situation in the de-escalation areas has been assessed as stable.

The Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the ceasefire regime has reported nine violations in the following Governorates: seven in Aleppo, one in Homs and one in Ladhiqiyah.

The Turkish representative office has reported three incidents of gunfire: two in Idlib Governorate and one in Damascus Governorate.

Most incidents of small arms being fired indiscriminately have been reported in areas controlled by fighters of the Nusrah Front terrorist group.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

The Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides has not carried out any humanitarian operations in the past 24 hours.

In total, 1,713 humanitarian operations have been carried out, with a total cargo weight of 2,364.5 tons.

Over the past 24 hours, medical assistance has been provided to 25 residents.

In total, medical assistance has been provided to 67,174 residents.

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, one ceasefire regime agreement has been signed with Karad Dayasinah in Homs Governorate.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 2,316.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime continued with armed opposition groups in Aleppo, Damascus, Hama, Homs and Qunaytirah Governorates.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 234.